IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: Takeshi MINAMI et al.

Application Number: Not yet assigned

(§371 of international application No. PCT/JP2004/018691)

Filed: June 16, 2006

For: CATALYST FOR MANUFACTURING SYNTHESIS GAS AND

METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SYNTHESIS GAS USING THE

SAME

Attorney Docket Number:

062610

Customer Number:

38834

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 June 15, 2006

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination of this application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.